

2004 Archery Deer Hunting

Regulations and Information

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, approximately 75 miles north of Dallas, Texas on Lake Texoma, will hold an archery hunt for white-tailed deer by special permit only. Three areas, which total approximately 3,700 acres, will be open to hunting.

To Enter Drawing

The Refuge will begin accepting hunter applications on **May 3, 2004**. The application deadline is **June 14, 2004**. Send a post card with your name, address, day time phone number, and International Bowhunter Education Program I.D. number to the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, 6465 Refuge Road, Sherman, TX 75092-5817.

NEW REQUIREMENT!! All applicants must complete a Bow hunter education Course **before** applying for the hunt and must provide their I.D. number when applying. Hunters completing the safety course during the current year must mail in a copy of their Student Registration form (temporary card). Only one name per card and only one card per applicant. Entering as a party is not allowed. **Seventy** hunters will be drawn by random selection for each of the **three** hunt segments. Hunt segments will also be assigned by random selection. Submission of more than one application per hunter will cause applications to be rejected.

Hunter selection will be accomplished by random computer drawing. Only one drawing will be held which will assign each applicant a random number. That number will then be used to place applicants in a hunt segment. Applicants with a number from 1 -70 will be assigned to hunt segment A, applicants with a number of 71 - 140 will hunt segment B, etc.

NEW - The drawing will only be for three segments this year. The segment D (antlerless only) hunt will be open to any hunter who possesses a valid license, antlerless tag, has completed a Bowhunter education course and presents a

signed proficiency card when registering to hunt. (Segment D hunters must attend a 9:00 a.m. meeting/drawing on December 16. Note: The \$50.00 hunt fee is also required for segment D hunters).

Hunt Segments dates are as follows:

Segment **A** - Saturday Morning Nov 06 to Monday Evening Nov 08

Segment **B** - Friday Morning Nov 19 to Sunday Evening Nov 21

Segment **C** - Friday Morning Dec 03 to Sunday Evening Dec 05

Segment **D - Doe Only Segment** - Friday Morning Dec 17 to Sunday Evening Dec 19

Hunter Qualifications

If you are selected, you will be notified by late-June, by mail, which hunt segment you are eligible to hunt. Non selected applicants will not be notified. **Selected hunters have until July 26, to mail in the \$50.00 hunt fee and their tournament scorecard or their name will be removed from the selected hunter list.**

1) Successful completion of a proficiency test with a minimum score of 80% is required. The test should be taken on a standard IBO course (**10-8-5-0** scoring) with no target more than 30 yards. A tournament scorecard will suffice as proof of proficiency. This scorecard must be signed by a tournament or range officer and mailed in along with the hunt fee. **Please submit only original scorecards**, i.e., no photocopies will be accepted.

2) A \$50.00 fee is required from each hunter. Please send a cashier's check or money order only.

Second Drawing

A second drawing will be held in late July (if needed) to reach a quota of 70 hunters per segment. Additional applicants will not be able to reapply if they missed the June 14 deadline. The "second drawing" is actually a "moving up" of applicants beginning with applicant number 211. Applicant number 211 will be assigned the first opening in segment A, etc. Selected applicants will again have five weeks to mail in hunt fee and proficiency card or their name will also be removed from the selected hunter list.

Regulations

Legal Game: Deer and Feral pigs.

Bag Limits: **Deer:** 3 (1 buck and 2 antler less may be taken in segments A, B, & C) Deer may be harvested in any order. Only two antlerless deer may be harvested in segment D.

NEW - Beginning this year, any hunter harvesting an antlerless deer (during the buck/antlerless segments A, B, or C) will automatically be selected to hunt in next years (2005) hunt.

The antlerless deer must be shot in the lung/heart/liver region to qualify for selection.

Feral Pigs: No limit, harvesting of pigs is greatly encouraged.

All harvested game must be taken to the hunter check station.

License: A valid State of Texas hunting license is required to hunt. All Texas state regulations are applicable to the refuge hunt. Note: The refuge has no licenses and stamps for sale.

Hunting Permit: Successful applicants will be notified by late-June (first drawing only), as to which hunt segment they will be allowed to hunt. Permits will be mailed to successful applicants who meet requirements by the deadline. Each hunter must present their permit at the pre-hunt orientation session. **This permit is required to register and to hunt. You will not be allowed to hunt without it!** This permit must also be in the hunters possession at all times while hunting on the refuge.

Hours of Access: Registration for the hunt will begin at 4:30 a.m. at the hunter check station. This will be followed by a short pre-hunt orientation session. **You must register and attend the orientation held the first morning of each hunt segment.** Hunters must check in each day they hunt and must check out each evening even if unsuccessful. Check in times during the second and third mornings are 5:00 a.m. Check out time all three days is one hour after legal hunting time.

Scouting: Scouting is encouraged (daylight hours only), but is not allowed during a hunt segment. Those scouting in the Big Mineral Unit during the

September Dove Hunt must sign in at the Check Box whether you are hunting or not. No weapons of any kind are allowed while scouting.

Unit Rotation Schedule

A unit rotation schedule is being implemented in order to "rest" units and continue to provide a quality hunt.

2004 - Sandy, Godwin, & Goode

2005 - Godwin, Goode, & Meyers

2006 - Goode, Meyer's & Harris Creek

2007 - Meyers, Harris Creek, Big Mineral

2008 - Harris Creek, Big Mineral, Sandy

Methods: Hunting is from stands, blinds or by stalking (still hunting) only. Only portable blinds and stands are permitted and must be removed at the close of the hunt segment. No permanent tree steps are allowed. Screw in steps are allowed but must be removed after close of the hunt segment. **No trees or limbs greater than one inch may be cut.** The hunt units will be closed to public entry the day prior to each hunt segment. Permitted hunters will be allowed to place hunt stands on trees the day before their hunt segment begins but **may not enter any hunt unit until 10:00 a.m. and must leave the unit by 2:00 p.m.** Hunting over feeders or feed is not allowed.

Other Rules:

Shed antlers may not be collected.

No firearms are allowed on the refuge, including inside vehicles

Possession of alcohol during a hunt is prohibited.

Camping on the refuge is prohibited. Public camping facilities' off-refuge are available.

IBEP courses are conducted locally and statewide. Contact your local bow shop for courses in your area or call the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Hunter Education Division at 1 800/792-1112 or visit the following Internet site: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.